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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2307

E.O. 11652: GDS - IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

TAGS: PINS, SU

SUBJ: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS

1. PAO INFORMED BY BBC NEWSMAN OCT. 18 FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH MININFO (AND ACTING FONMIN) OMAR AL-HAJ MUSA THAT GOS OCT. 17 "RELEASED" DRIVER (KARAM) AND RADIO OPERATOR (HUSSEIN) (BOTH PALESTINIANS) WHO LINKED AS ACCESSORIES TO FATAH OPERATION AT SAUDI EMBASSY. OSTENSIBLE REASON GIVEN WAS THAT CHARGES AGAINST THEM COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED. MUSA REPORTEDLY REITERATED TO NEWSMAN THAT REMAINDER ACCUSED WOULD BE TRIED AND THAT SUDANESE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES WOULD RUN THEIR COURSE.

2. RECENTLY-RETURNED BELGIAN CHARGE INFORMED US EARLIER FOLLOWING HIS SOUNDINGS WITH GOS AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES THAT HE FOUND UNANIMOUS EXPRESSION THAT TERRORISTS WOULD BE TRIED AND ALMOST CERTAINLY CONVICTED. UK DCM INFORMED US RECENTLY HE ALSO HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT TRIAL WOULD PROCEED ALTHOUGH NOV 13 DATE FOR NEXT SESSION MIGHT BE DEPENDENT UPON ATMOSPHERE AND DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDEAST.

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3. COMMENT: WE ATTEMPTING ESTABLISH WHETHER ACCOMPLICES RELEASED

DEFINITELY OR WHETHER THEY SIMPLY OUT ON BAIL. MUSA DID
RECEIVE PLO REP ABU AL-KHAIR LAST WEEK REPORTEDLY TO CONVEY
MESSAGE APPRECIATION FROM ARAFAT FOR SUDAN'S STAND IN MIDEAST
CRISIS. WE NOW UNDERSTAND MESSAGE MAY ALSO HAVE REQUESTED
RELEASE BSO TERRORISTS PERMIT THEM JOIN THEIR COMPATRIOTS ON
BATTLEFIELD. MUSA REPORTEDLY REFUSED, BUT RUMORED "RELEASE"
KARAM AND HUSSEIN COULD BE ARAB "COMPROMISE". AM SEEING
MUSA LATER TODAY TO SEEK CONFIRMATION RUMOR AND WILL ALSO
TAKE OPPORTUNITY EXPRESS CONCERN INCREASINGLY STRIDENT
TONE OFFICIALLY-CONTROLLED MEDIA CRITICISM USG LAST FEW
DAYS. MEANWHILE WE ALSO LOOKING INTO JUDICIAL LEGALITY OF
REPORTED GOS "RELEASE" ACTION.
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